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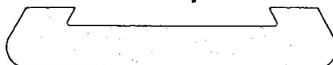


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**FROGFOOT A DEPLOYMENT  
LIPETSK AIRFIELD WEST, USSR**

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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: LIPETSK AIRFIELD WEST IS THE SECOND OPERATIONAL AIRFIELD IN THE SOVIET UNION TO RECEIVE FROGFOOT A.
2. (S/D) REMARKS: FROGFOOT A WERE IDENTIFIED FOR THE FIRST TIME AT LIPETSK AIRFIELD WEST WHEN THREE WERE AT THE WEST END OF THE MAIN PARKING APRON ON [REDACTED] THESE AIRCRAFT MAY HAVE BEEN PRESENT AS EARLY [REDACTED]; HOWEVER, OBLIQUITY AND SCALE PRECLUDED IDENTIFICATION.

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(S/D) LIPETSK AIRFIELD WEST IS A HIGH-AVIATION PILOT-TRAINING BASE IN THE MOSCOW MILITARY DISTRICT AND HAS HISTORICALLY BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW AIRCRAFT INTO FRONTAL AVIATION.

(S/D) ANALYST'S COMMENTS: LIPETSK WEST IS THE SECOND OPERATIONAL AIRFIELD IN THE SOVIET UNION WHERE FROGFOOT A HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED. DURING APRIL AND MAY OF 1981, AN INITIAL DEPLOYMENT OF THIS AIRCRAFT WAS OBSERVED AT SITAL CHAY AIRFIELD [REDACTED], A TRAINING BASE IN THE TRANSCAUCASUS MILITARY DISTRICT. BY LATE JUNE 1981 THE FROGFOOT A HAD DEPARTED FOR AFGHANISTAN WHERE THEY ARE EMPLOYED IN SUPPORT OF COMBAT OPERATIONS. ELEMENTS OF A SECOND FROGFOOT A SQUADRON WERE IDENTIFIED AT SITAL CHAY [REDACTED] THE PRESENCE OF FROGFOOT A AT LIPETSK WEST AND THE OBSERVATION OF THE SECOND DEPLOYMENT AT SITAL CHAY INDICATE ACCELERATED PILOT TRAINING AND SUGGEST THAT FURTHER DEPLOYMENT OF THIS CLOSE SUPPORT FIGHTER IS NOW OR WILL SOON BE UNDERWAY.

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3. (S) [REDACTED] COORDINATES 52-38-15N 039-26-28E

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